

The Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers met via teleconference on Friday February 27, 2004 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia. The attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

- Warren Morris, Chair
- David Pursley
- Letha Griffin, MD

Others Present:

Jacqueline A. Hightower, Executive Director, Yvonne LeSane, Board Secretary, Serena Butts, Secretary II and Dominick Crea, Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Pursley moved and Dr. Griffin seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2)(4), O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(4) to deliberate Applications, the Cognizant Report and to receive information on Applications and the Cognizant Report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members Morris, Pursley and Griffin. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Warren Morris, Chair, called the teleconference to order at 10:05 a.m.

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to accept the minutes of November 7, 2003.

Correspondence:

Brandon Burton: Are there many complaints involving Athletic Trainers in Georgia and do they concern non-licensed Athletic Trainers or negligence?

Board Response: No response is warranted.

Executive Director Report:

- **Renewals:** Mr. Warren, Chair, will forward an article from the Chair to Ms. Hightower for the Board Newsletter. Ms. Hightower will handle all other aspects of the Newsletter.
- **House Bill 1394:** Mr. Pursley moved and Dr. Griffin seconded and the Board voted to support HB1394.

Rule Change: Chapter 53-3 and 53-2:

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to consider for adoption the proposed rule amendment during its April 30, 2004 meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 102, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217.

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted to post the Notice of Intent to Adopt and Notice of Hearing for the proposed rule change to rules 53-3-.01 and 53-2-.04 for no less than 30 days prior to April 30, 2004 when the Board will hold a hearing on the rule and intent to adopt the proposed rule change.

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of Rules 53-3-.01 and 53-2-.04 does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of Official Code of Georgia Annotated §§43-1-25; 43-5-6 and 43-5-8.

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Pursley seconded and the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25; 43-5-6 and 43-5-8 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-43(3)(A) and that the formulation and adoption of Rules 53-3-.01 and 53-2-.04 will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of athletic training:

Rule 53-3-.01 Qualifications. Effective July 1, 2004, a person who seeks licensure as an Athletic Trainer in the State of Georgia must have graduated from a college or university in the athletic training program which has been accredited by the NATA Board of Certification (NATABOC).

Rule 53-3-.01 Qualifications. Effective until June 30, 2004, a person who seeks licensure as a Athletic Trainer in the State of Georgia must satisfy one of the three following

(a) Have graduated from a college or university in an athletic training program which has been accredited by the NATA Board of Certification (NATABOC).

(b) Hold a degree in physical therapy or corrective therapy with at least a minor in physical education or health which included a basic athletic training course and have spent at least two academic years working under the direct supervision of an approved athletic trainer.

(1) A basic athletic training course means a course which includes but is not limited to prevention of athletic injuries, evaluation of athletic injuries and medical referral, first aid and emergency care, counseling and guidance, and education.

(2) Two academic years of direct supervision (See definition in Chapter 2) means a minimum of 750 hours in each semester year.

(3) An approved athletic trainer means an athletic trainer who is:

(i) licensed in Georgia for a minimum of 3 years, or

(ii) certified by NATA for a minimum of 3 years, or

(iii) licensed in a state whose licensure qualifications are substantially similar to those of Georgia for a minimum of 3 years.

(iv) Have completed at least four years beyond the secondary school level, while either as an undergraduate or graduate student, as an apprentice athletic trainer under the direct supervision (See definitions in Chapter 2) of a licensed athletic trainer. Such four years must be consecutive years of supervision, military duty excepted.

(1) One year of apprenticeship means at least 750 hours during a calendar year.

(2) A minimum of four calendar years (3000 hours) of apprenticeship are required for licensure.

Authority O.C.G.A. §43-1-25, 43-5-6, 43-5-8

52-2-.04 Effective July 1, 2004, repealed.

52-2-.04 Apprenticeship. Effective until June 30, 2004, apprentice means an undergraduate or graduate student who is learning to become an athletic trainer and whose activities are under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer.

Authority O.C.G.A. §43-1-25, 43-5-6, 43-5-8

Cognizant Report:

AT040001: Mr. Pursley moved and Dr. Griffin seconded and the Board voted to forward to Enforcement.

AT040002: Mr. Pursley moved and Dr. Griffin seconded and the Board voted to forward to Enforcement and offer a Cease and Desist.

Applications:

Dr. Griffin moved and Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to approve Athletic Trainer applications determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Name	Issue Date
AT001043	Worley, Katrina Lynn	1/6/2004
AT001044	Cantrell, Karen Joelene	1/6/2004
AT001045	Tubbs, Tina A	1/6/2004
AT001046	Zottnick, Joshua S	1/6/2004
AT001047	Sims, Nathan L	1/6/2004
AT001048	McNamara, Lance Joseph	1/6/2004
AT001049	Crapps, Benjamin H	1/6/2004
AT001050	Davies, George J	1/6/2004
AT001051	Ergle, Michael D	1/6/2004
AT001052	Holas, Missy J	1/6/2004
AT001053	Kelley, Regan Jayne	1/6/2004
AT001054	Romines, Joel Thomas	1/6/2004
AT001055	Davis, Brian D	1/13/2004
AT001056	Rawlins, Kari L	1/13/2004
AT001057	Burkhart, Stephanie C	1/15/2004
AT001058	Lankes, Maureen A.	1/20/2004
AT001059	Baker, Russell T., Jr	1/20/2004
AT001060	Spokas, Melissa J.	1/20/2004
AT001061	Hoch, Holly K.	2/2/2004
AT001062	Maxwell, Tanya Marie	2/5/2004

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by: Yvonne LeSane, Board Secretary

Reviewed/Edited by: Jacqueline A. Hightower, Executive Director

Morris Warren
Board President

Mollie L. Fleeman
Division Director